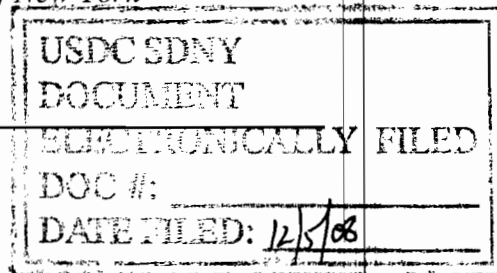


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500 Pearl Street, Room 1010
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MEMO ENCLOSED

Re: *United States v. Uzair Paracha*, 03 Cr. 1197 (SHS)

Dear Judge Stein:

On or about November 21, 2008, defendant Paracha filed a motion for a new trial pursuant to Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Because of the nature of the claims, the press of other business, and the December holidays, the Government requests an extension of time, up to and including January 16, 2009, within which to respond to Paracha's motion. Joshua Dratel, Esq., counsel for Paracha, has graciously consented to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED 12/5/08

SIDNEY H. STEIN
U.S.D.J.